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FM AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4196

INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 0618

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, NP

SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT CLAMPS DOWN ON HASHISH TRAFFIC

1. EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY HEARD NUMBER OF REPORTS THAT GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN STEPS TO HALT, OR AT LEAST REDUCE, TRAFFIC IN HASHISH AND OTHER CANNABIS PRODUCTS IN NEPAL.

2. FIRST REPORT CAME TO OUR ATTENTION DURING VISIT TO KATHMANDU OF REGIONAL DEA OFFICERS IN NEW DELHI. ACCORDING TO THEIR INFORMANT GOVERNMENT HAD RAIDED OVER SIXTY HOMES OF KNOWN HASHISH DEALERS WITH A WARNING THAT TRADE WOULD BE HALTED. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AGAINST TRAFFICKERS BEYOND THE WARNING WHICH WAS APPARENTLY EFFECTIVE. WE HAVE HEARD SUBSEQUENT REPORTS THAT HASHISH IS INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN ON LOCAL MARKET AND THAT SEVERAL WELL KNOWN DEALERS HAVE LEFT NEPAL FOR UNDISCLOSED DESTINATIONS.

2. WE HAVE NOTED THAT IN PAST FOUR DAYS THREE LOCAL HASHISH DEALERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY POLICE, FIRST SUCH ACTION AGAINST NEPALI CITIZENS IN MANY MONTHS. VIOLATORS APPEAR TO BE SMALL OPERATORS AND ONLY 22  
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KILOS OF HASHISH WAS SEIZED IN RAIDS. NONETHELESS,

IT IS FIRST STEP IN WHAT WE HOPE WILL BE INCREASED  
CAMPAIGN.

3. ALTHOUGH WE ARE UNABLE TO SAY WITH ANY CERTAINTY  
WHY POLICE ATTITUDE HAS CHANGED, IT FALLS IN LINE WITH  
NEW GOVERNMENT POLICY AIMED AT REDUCING CORRUPTION.  
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